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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
3 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 101st General
5 Assembly are amended by changing Rules 26 and 30 and by adding
6 Rule 51.5 as follows:

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(House Rule 26)

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26. Rights of the Public.

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(a) If a legislative measure or subject matter has been
10 properly set for hearing and witnesses are present and wish to
11 testify, the committee shall hear the witnesses at the
12 scheduled time and place, subject to Rule 10(c).

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(b) Any person wishing to offer testimony to a committee
14 hearing of a legislative measure or subject matter shall be
15 given a reasonable opportunity to do so, orally or in writing.
16 The Chairperson may set time limits for presentation of oral
17 testimony. No testimony in writing is required of any witness,
18 but any witness may submit a statement in writing for the
19 committee record. All persons offering testimony shall
20 complete a "Record of Committee Witness" form and submit it to
21 the committee clerk before testifying. In the case of standing
22 or special committees with Co-Chairpersons from different
23 political parties, the "Chairperson" means the Co-Chairperson

1 from the majority caucus.

2 (c) A motion to foreclose further oral testimony by
3 witnesses on a matter before a committee may be adopted only by
4 a three-fifths majority of those voting on the motion. No such
5 motion is in order until both proponents and opponents
6 requesting to be heard have been given a fair and substantial
7 opportunity to express their positions. No one shall be
8 prohibited from filing for the record "Record of Committee
9 Witness" forms or written statements while the matter is before
10 the committee.

11 (d) Meetings of committees and subcommittees shall be open
12 to the public. Committee meetings of the House may be closed to
13 the public if two-thirds of the members elected to the House
14 determine, by a record vote, that the public interest so
15 requires.

16 (d-5) For meetings of committees during a disaster
17 proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus, access to
18 the room in which the committee is held shall be limited to
19 members and officers of the General Assembly, majority and
20 minority staff, and no more than 5 members of the public who
21 are representatives of the press, except as otherwise
22 authorized by the Speaker. The Speaker shall designate one or
23 more locations outside of the committee room for the public to
24 safely watch and listen to the proceedings of the House and its
25 committees via a live audio/video broadcast. Access to such
26 locations may be limited as necessary to maintain safety,

1 including, but not limited to, requiring that persons at such
2 locations follow the decorum requirements of Rule 51.5(a).
3 Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, testimony
4 at a committee hearing during a disaster proclaimed by the
5 Governor due to COVID-19 virus may be limited to written
6 testimony at the discretion of the Chairperson. This subsection
7 may not be suspended.

8 (e) This Rule cannot be suspended retroactively.

9 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

10 (House Rule 30)

11 30. Access to the House Floor and Chamber.

12 (a) Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, only the
13 following persons shall be admitted to the House while it is in
14 session: members and officers of the General Assembly; elected
15 officers of the executive branch; justices of the Supreme
16 Court; the designated aide to an executive or judicial branch
17 constitutional officer, except as limited by the Speaker; the
18 parliamentarian; majority staff members and minority staff
19 members, except as limited by the Speaker or Presiding Officer;
20 former members, except as limited by the Speaker or prohibited
21 under subsection (d); and employees of the Legislative
22 Reference Bureau, except as limited by the Speaker.
23 Representatives of the press, while the House is in session,
24 may have access to the galleries and places allotted to them by
25 the Speaker or his or her designee. No person is entitled to

1 the floor unless appropriately attired. Only members of the
2 General Assembly may use telephones at the members' desks.
3 Smoking is prohibited on the floor of the House and in the
4 House galleries.

5 (a-5) On any day in which the House is in session during a
6 disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus,
7 access to the House Chamber and adjoining hallways and passages
8 shall be limited to members and officers of the General
9 Assembly, majority and minority staff as authorized by the
10 Speaker or Presiding Officer, and no more than 5 members of the
11 public who are representatives of the press, except as
12 otherwise authorized by the Speaker. Representatives of the
13 press shall be limited to the gallery space allotted to them by
14 the Speaker or the Speaker's designee. The Speaker shall
15 designate one or more locations outside of the House Chamber
16 for the public to safely watch and listen to the proceedings of
17 the House and its committees via a live audio/video broadcast.
18 Access to such locations may be limited as necessary to
19 maintain safety, including, but not limited to, requiring that
20 persons at such locations follow the decorum requirements of
21 Rule 51.5(a). This subsection may not be suspended.

22 (b) On days during which the House is in session, the
23 Doorkeeper shall clear the floor of all persons not entitled to
24 access to the floor 15 minutes before the convening time, and
25 the Doorkeeper shall enforce all other provisions of this Rule.

26 (c) The Speaker may authorize the admission to the floor of

1 any other person, except as prohibited under subsection (d).

2 (d) No person who is directly or indirectly interested in
3 defeating or promoting any pending legislative measure, if
4 required to be registered as a lobbyist or compensated by an
5 entity required to register as a lobbyist, shall be allowed
6 access to the floor of the House at any time during the
7 session. The Speaker, or his or her designee, shall have the
8 authority to determine whether a person may be granted or
9 denied access in accordance with this subsection.

10 (e) When he or she deems it necessary for the preservation
11 of order, the Presiding Officer may by order remove any person
12 from the floor of the House. A Representative may be removed
13 from the floor only under Rule 51.5 or Article XI or XII of
14 these Rules.

15 (Source: H.R. 59, 101st G.A.)

16 (House Rule 51.5 new)

17 51.5 Decorum during the COVID-19 Disaster.

18 (a) On any day in which the House is in session during a
19 disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus,
20 all members and officers of the General Assembly, majority and
21 minority staff, and other persons when entitled to the House
22 floor, galleries, and adjoining hallways and passages shall:

23 (1) to the extent medically able and except as
24 reasonably necessary for eating or drinking, wear a
25 face-covering that covers the nose and mouth;

1 (2) to the extent possible, maintain social distancing
2 of at least six feet from any other person except as
3 permitted by the other person;

4 (3) have submitted to and passed a temperature check
5 prior to entry; and

6 (4) have passed through a metal detector prior to
7 entry.

8 (b) In a committee hearing during a disaster proclaimed by
9 the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus, members and officers of
10 the General Assembly, staff, witnesses, and members of the
11 public in the room in which the committee is held shall follow
12 the requirements of subsection (a) of this Rule.

13 (c) A violation of this Rule shall be considered a breach
14 of decorum and disorderly behavior. The Presiding Officer may
15 by order remove any person, other than a Representative, from
16 the House floor, galleries, and adjoining hallways and passages
17 for violation of this Rule. Notwithstanding any other provision
18 of these Rules, including Rule 30(e) and Articles XI and XII, a
19 Representative in violation of this Rule may be disciplined and
20 subject to reprimand, censure, removal from the House chamber,
21 or other disciplinary measure, except expulsion and
22 imprisonment, upon a motion approved by a majority of those
23 elected. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit
24 discipline pursuant to Article XI or XII of these Rules.

25 (d) This Rule may not be suspended.